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"Gateway to the Wilderness"

Message from the Mayor

I would like to personally thank Pete and Roman for the dedication and focus shown while battling our recent water quality problem. There are many arm chair public works experts out there who willingly share their advice. They however are not accountable to Council or Northern Health. Much of our recent problems are related to aging infrastructure, service line and treatment plant. They are not related to the lack of effort from Public Works.

The recent chlorination of our water system was under a direct order from Northern Health under Provincial Regulation. The order was written after multiple water samples fail to meet regulatory benchmarks. It's interesting how Government Regulations call for weekly water testing from Municipal water system, while the bottled water we buy from retailers is considered to be a food product, which under Government Regulations require less stringent testing.

It is the goal of Council and Public Works to provide the best quality un-chlorinated drinking water to Port Clements. As mentioned above, of our aging infrastructure is in need of replacement. Water system projects are very expensive, like wise hard on the ledger sheet. The Village is currently working with Engineers on a new water treatment plant which will enable us to meet our goal. The treatment plant is estimated to cost \$1,075,000.00. The funds for this project are in place, grants from BC/Canada Infrastructure and Gwaii Trust. An additional well and an upgrade to the distribution system are also on the "to do" list.

The Village has several other projects that will commence shortly, re-roofing of the Health Clinic, construction of new concession stands at the park and upgrades to the sewerage lagoon. In addition School District 50 will begin demolition the old school. Rather than bring in an off-island contractor SD50 is training a local crew in asbestos removal to tackle the first stage of removing all asbestos materials from the interior. ~Mayor Delves~

LANDFILL HOURS

Monday -Friday 11am-3pm
open the 1st Saturday ONLY
of every month 11am-3pm



Want to add your items to the Newsletter ????

We are always looking for items to add to our newsletter. If you have something funny or a coming event you would like to advertise, please email your submissions to deputy@portclements.ca we want to hear from you!

We're on the Web
www.portclements.ca

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THE LEADER

ENTRANCE SIGN CONTEST WINNER!!!!



The Port Clements Tourism Committee spearheaded the "Welcome to Port Clements sign contest" and had 11 entries! What a great turn out. There was a group of judges who anonymously looked at every entry judging each design based on visibility, attractiveness, originality, maintenance, and feasibility to construct just to name a few. We are pleased to announce the winner is Germain Vigneault! His artistry has captured the Village's beauty and it's sure to be an eye catcher for all who drive into our community.

CONGRATULATIONS GERMAIN!

Taxes 2010 and Deferment Programs

Taxes for the 2010 year will be coming through the mail at the end of the month. Please note: if you are eligible for the Home Owner Grant you need to fill it out and return it to the office no later than the **Tax Due Date of July 2nd, 2010 at 1:00pm.**

If you require assistance with paying your

taxes, the Provincial Government has a few property tax deferment programs that may fit your needs.

- 55 and older
- Hardship
- Families with Children

All of this information can be obtained by visiting

www.sbr.gov.bc.ca or come into the office and we will provide you with all the information you need.

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EVENTS

- Fun Darts every Thursday Fire Hall 7:30pm
- Alternate Fitness 12:40-1:20 Tue & Thurs -Seniors room
- Badminton -Tues 8:00-10:00- GYM
- Volleyball-Friday 8:30-10:30 GYM
- Karate- Mon & Wed 7:00-8:00 GYM
- Tai Chi- Monday 6:30 -8:00 Seniors Room
- Yoga- Thursdays 6:15-7:45 Seniors Room
- Canada Days June 25 -27



RECREATION COMMISSION

The Village of Port Clements Recreation Commission is calling all volunteers! This year's Canada Days celebrations will be held on June 25th—June 27th. We need fresh ideas and volunteers to make Canada Days a success once again. If you have any ideas or would like to be a volunteer for any events come to our Recreation Commission meetings.

Meetings are held every 4th Thursday at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers. Watch for

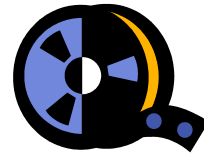
posted agendas for more information as there will be Special Meetings leading up to Canada Days.

The Recreation Commission organizes and plans many special events in our community. Movies, Easter Egg hunts, Breakfast with Santa, Canada Days, etc would not be such a great success without our hard working Rec. Commission.

If you would like to join the Port Clements Recreation Commission please contact Jasmine

Ryland at 250-557-4295, Monday-Friday, 9:00am-1:00pm.

Any help is good help!



ATTRACTION

We all know why we moved here, or why we stayed here. We want to see if we can attract people to come visit and even move here. I am sure all of us have heard the story; "I came here on a vacation 30 years ago and never left". Is there a way that we can use testimonials like that on our web site to attract people here? It would be interesting to add these little quotes or even short stories to our Village's web site in hopes of

"I love Port Clements for its warmth and sense of Community"

gathering people to our community.

There are so many out door adventures that have been captured on video and even photos that can be posted. For instance Youtube has been linked on many community web sites to show off sports like snowmobiling and four wheeling. If you have something you would

like to share on the Village's web site please send your links to: deputy@portclements.ca

LETS TALK GARBAGE

As of January 1st 2010, garbage collection fees were increased by \$2 per month (\$22 to \$24). This will help offset the costs of garbage and recycling collection, landfill operations and progressive closure. It will also allow the Regional District to draw down the deficit in the Islands Solid Waste Management service over the next few years.

As the garbage fee increase will be retroactive to January 1st, and the billing for the first quarter is complete, residents will pay a one-time extra charge of \$6 to "catch-up" with the second quarter billing.

The Regional District has also discontinued the hardship discount for garbage users, that was

granted mainly to seniors, in keeping with efforts to reduce the operational deficit in the Islands Solid Waste Management function.



Port Clements Seniors

A full year has gone by since the opening of the seniors' room in the multiplex building. On March 2009 volunteers had a busy two weeks before or more to get the cupboards (in boxes) together and in place along with the stove, dishwasher and refrigerator. The opening was held April 9th and we had a good turnout. On October the 9th a special potluck Thanksgiving dinner was held in the evening. Then on Nov.11th refreshments were served after the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Millennium Park. In Dec. the regular Christmas dinner was catered by the Port Clements W.A. and we were treated very special with

the youth group doing the serving and clean up. Our potluck luncheon and meetings are held every 2nd Friday of each month and also drop in socials every Tuesday afternoon 1-4 pm, open to all Island seniors, plus Alternate Fitness every Tues. & Thur. time 12:40 -- 1:20pm., until the end of May—watch for new start in Sept. To date 13 participants have taken advantage of this free Alternate Fitness class.

The big event so far in 2010 was planned by Cam, Good Friday Ham dinner which was held in the evening and it was delicious and the following day Fundraising for the Canadian Cancer Society plus for Port Clements Senior's room expenses was organized by the

Port/Tlell Members, Daffodil tea, bake table and Loonie Auction. This was a very successful dinner and enjoyed by all who attended.



RCMP

Road Safety Week
May 18 - 24, 2010

The Masset RCMP will be conducting enhanced traffic enforcement focusing on sober and alert driving, seat belt use and aggressive driving during the week of May 18 - 24, 2010 in support of the Canada Road Safety Week. Drivers and occupants are reminded to play their role in public safety through compliance with the Motor Vehi-

cle Act of British Columbia.

ing = \$167.00

Speed in municipality (Less than 21 km/h over posted speed limit) = \$138.00 plus 3 demerits

Speed in municipality (21-40 km/h over posted speed limit) = \$196.00 plus 3 demerits
Excessive Speed (41-60 km/h over posted speed limit) = \$368.00 plus 3 demerits

Fail to Wear Seat Belt = \$167.00

Use electronic device while driv-

FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE PLEASE SLOW DOWN



TOWN CLEAN UP

On behalf of Council and the residents of Port Clements we would like to thank the following volunteers for helping clean up the derelict vehicles around town on April 24th and helped out at the town clean up on May 1st: Cam Traplin, Roger Roberge, Daryl Fish, Larry Brealey, Trish Kent, Richard Nyeholt, Donald Robinson, Paul Melney, Clint Tauber, Jasmine Ryland, Clint Beachy, Ray Bishop, Wally Cheer, Germain Vigneault, Heather Nelson-Smith, Jessica Storry, Paul Simonsen, Tyler Field, Roman Busshoff, Pete Nelson-Smith, Craig Beachy for the usage of his back hoe, Edwards & Associates for donating the usage of a truck, Rob Kidd at the Port Dump, RIAS for transporting and supplying bins, and the help of all that assisted in helping load their garbage into the trucks. The clean ups were a great success and would not have been possible without all of these volunteers. Thank you!